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"AN ACT CONCERNING CONCUSSIONS IN YOUTH ATHLETICS."

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 2. Section 10-149b of the general statutes is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

4 (a) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2010, and each school
5 year thereafter, any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit
6 by the State Board of Education and is a coach of intramural or
7 interscholastic athletics shall complete an initial training course
8 regarding concussions, [which are a type of brain injury,] developed or
9 approved pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section,
10 prior to commencing the coaching assignment for the season of such
11 school athletics.

12 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school
13 year thereafter, any coach who has completed [the] an initial training
14 course described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall annually

15 review current and relevant information regarding concussions,
16 prepared or approved pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of
17 this section, prior to commencing the coaching assignment for the
18 season of such school athletics. Such annual review shall not be
19 required in any year when such coach is required to complete the
20 refresher course, pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection, for
21 reissuance of his or her coaching permit.

22 (3) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
23 year thereafter, a coach shall complete a refresher course, developed or
24 approved pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section,
25 not later than five years after completion of [the] an initial training
26 course, as a condition of the reissuance of a coaching permit to such
27 coach. Such coach shall thereafter retake such refresher course at least
28 once every five years as a condition of the reissuance of a coaching
29 permit to such coach.

30 (b) (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with (A) the
31 Commissioner of Public Health, (B) the governing authority for
32 intramural and interscholastic athletics, (C) an appropriate
33 organization representing licensed athletic trainers, and (D) an
34 organization representing county medical associations, shall develop
35 or approve [a] one or more training [course] courses regarding
36 concussions. Such training [course] courses shall include, but not be
37 limited to, (i) the recognition of the symptoms of a concussion, (ii) the
38 means of obtaining proper medical treatment for a person suspected of
39 having a concussion, and (iii) the nature and risk of concussions,
40 including the danger of continuing to engage in athletic activity after
41 sustaining a concussion and the proper method of allowing a student
42 athlete who has sustained a concussion to return to athletic activity.

43 (2) On or before October 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the State
44 Board of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public
45 Health and the organizations described in subparagraphs (B) to (D),
46 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall develop or
47 approve annual review materials regarding current and relevant

48 information about concussions.

49 (3) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
50 Commissioner of Public Health and the organizations described in
51 subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this
52 subsection, shall develop or approve [a] one or more refresher [course]
53 courses regarding concussions. Such refresher [course] courses shall
54 include, but not be limited to, (A) an overview of key recognition and
55 safety practices, (B) an update on medical developments and current
56 best practices in the field of concussion research, prevention and
57 treatment, (C) an update on new relevant federal, state and local laws
58 and regulations, and (D) for football coaches, current best practices
59 regarding coaching the sport of football, including, but not limited to,
60 frequency of games and full contact practices and scrimmages as
61 identified by the governing authority for intramural and
62 interscholastic athletics.

63 (c) On or before January 1, 2015, the State Board of Education, in
64 consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and the
65 organizations described in subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, of
66 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, shall develop or
67 approve [a] one or more concussion education [plan] plans for use by
68 local and regional boards of education. Each local and regional board
69 of education shall implement such plan or plans by utilizing written
70 materials, online training or videos or in-person training that shall
71 address, at a minimum: (1) The recognition of signs or symptoms of
72 concussion, (2) the means of obtaining proper medical treatment for a
73 person suspected of sustaining a concussion, (3) the nature and risks of
74 concussions, including the danger of continuing to engage in athletic
75 activity after sustaining a concussion, (4) the proper procedures for
76 allowing a student athlete who has sustained a concussion to return to
77 athletic activity, and (5) current best practices in the prevention and
78 treatment of a concussion.

79 (d) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
80 year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall

81 prohibit a student athlete from participating in any intramural or
82 interscholastic athletic activity unless the student athlete, and a parent
83 or guardian of such student athlete, (1) reads written materials, (2)
84 views online training or videos, or (3) attends in-person training
85 regarding [the] a concussion education plan developed or approved
86 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

87 (e) (1) On or before July 1, 2015, the State Board of Education, in
88 consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and the
89 organizations described in subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, of
90 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, shall develop or
91 approve an informed consent form to distribute to the parents and
92 legal guardians of student athletes involved in intramural or
93 interscholastic athletic activities regarding concussions. Such informed
94 consent form shall include, at a minimum, (A) a summary of the
95 concussion education plan developed or approved pursuant to
96 subsection (c) of this section, and (B) a summary of the applicable local
97 or regional board of education's policies regarding concussions.

98 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
99 year thereafter, each school shall provide each participating student
100 athlete's parent or legal guardian with a copy of the informed consent
101 form developed or approved pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
102 subsection and obtain such parent's or legal guardian's signature,
103 attesting to the fact that such parent or legal guardian has received a
104 copy of such form and authorizes the student athlete to participate in
105 the athletic activity.

106 (f) The State Board of Education may revoke the coaching permit, in
107 accordance with the provisions of subsection (i) of section 10-145b, of
108 any coach found to be in violation of this section."